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ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to polypeptides from *N. caninum* which are capable of raising an immune response when administered to an animal. Such polypeptides can be used in vaccination strategies for protecting animals, such as cows and dogs, from neosporosis.

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TITLE: Cattle reproductive disease vaccines

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0022] The term "combination vaccine" is meant a bivalent or multivalent combination of antigens including modified live antigens and/or inactivated antigens. In accordance with the present invention a combination vaccine can comprise modified live infectious IBR, PI3, BRSV and inactivated BVDV Types 1 and 2, one or more antigens such as but not limited to *Leptospira canicola*, *Leptospira grippotyphosa*, *Leptospira borgpetersenii* hardio-prajitno, *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae*, *Leptospira interrogans pomona*, *Leptospira borgpetersenii* hardjo-bovis, *Leptospira bratislava*, *Campylobacter fetus*, *Neospora caninum*, *Trichomonus fetus*, *Mycoplasma bovis*, *Haemophilus somnus*, *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Pasturella multocida*, a veterinary acceptable carrier and an adjuvant. In a preferred embodiment the modified live IBR component is temperature sensitive IBR. In another preferred embodiment the BVDV Type 2 component is cytopathic (cpBVD-2 strain 53637-ATCC No. PTA-4859) and the BVDV Type 1 component is cytopathic 5960 (cpBDV-1 strain 5960-National Animal Disease Center, United States Department of Agriculture, Ames, Iowa). The present invention also contemplates non-cytopathic BVDV Type 1 and Type 2 strains. In still another preferred embodiment, the modified live antigens are desiccated, lyophilized or vitrified.



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## ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides attenuated live cultures of the pathogenic protozoan parasite, Neospora, and live vaccines against neosporosis prepared therefrom which are useful in the prevention of clinical disease and abortion in mammals.

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## ABSTRACT:

A Neospora caninum vaccine comprising tissue culture grown Neospora and methods of making and using said vaccines. Neospora caninum vaccines described include those containing whole Neospora tachyzoites, extracts of Neospora tachyzoites and protective antigen subunits of Neospora tachyzoites. The vaccines of this invention may be inactivated or modified live and contain adjuvants and/or stabilizers. The vaccines of this invention may be in a liquid or lyophilized form.

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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An homogenate prepared from cells of Neospora which is capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal.
2. The homogenate of claim 1, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate is prepared is N. caninum.
3. The homogenate of claim 1, which is capable of inducing the production of antibodies that recognize one or more antigenic components present in an homogenate of cells of N. caninum strain NC-1.
4. The homogenate of claim 3, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate is prepared is N. caninum.
5. The homogenate of claim 4, wherein the strain of N. caninum from which the homogenate is prepared is NC-1.
6. The homogenate of claim 1 which is prepared from tachyzoites.
7. A vaccine to protect a mammal against neosporosis, comprising an immunologically effective amount of an homogenate prepared from cells of Neospora, which homogenate is capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal, and a veterinarily acceptable carrier.
8. The vaccine of claim 7, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate is prepared is N. caninum.
9. The vaccine of claim 7, which is capable of inducing the production of antibodies that recognize one or more antigenic components present in an homogenate of cells of N. caninum strain NC-1.

10. The vaccine of claim 9, wherein the species of *Neospora* from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is *N. caninum*.
11. The vaccine of claim 10, wherein the strain of *N. caninum* from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is NC-1.
12. The vaccine of claim 7, wherein the homogenate is prepared from tachyzoites.
13. The vaccine of claim 7, further comprising one or more additional immunomodulatory components
14. The vaccine of claim 13, in which the additional immunomodulatory component is an adjuvant.
15. The vaccine of claim 14, in which the adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of the RIBI adjuvant system (Ribi Inc.), alum, aluminum hydroxide gel, an oil-in-water emulsion, a water-in-oil emulsion, Block co polymer, QS-21, SAF-M, AMPHIGEN.RTM. adjuvant, saponin, Quil A, monophosphoryl lipid A, and Avridine lipid-lipid-amine adjuvant.
16. The vaccine of claim 15, in which the adjuvant is an oil-in-water emulsion selected from the group consisting of SEAM62 and SEAM 1/2.
17. The vaccine of claim 13, in which the additional immunomodulatory component is a cytokine.
18. The vaccine of claim 7, wherein the *Neospora* cells from which the homogenate is prepared have been modified to delete the expression of one or more antigenic components normally associated with *Neospora* cells or a homogenate prepared therefrom.
19. A method for preparing a vaccine that protects a mammal against neosporosis, comprising homogenizing cells from *Neospora* to produce an homogenate capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal, and combining an immunologically effective amount of the homogenate with a veterinarily acceptable carrier.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein the species of *Neospora* from which the homogenate is prepared is *N. caninum*.
21. The method of claim 19, wherein the vaccine is capable of inducing the production of antibodies that recognize one or more antigenic components present in an homogenate of cells of *N. caninum* strain NC-1.
22. The method of claim 21, wherein the species of *Neospora* from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is *N. caninum*.
23. The method of claim 22, wherein the strain of *N. caninum* from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is NC-1.
24. The method of claim 19, wherein the cells that are homogenized are tachyzoites.
25. The method of claim 24, wherein the tachyzoites are homogenized by freeze/thawing and sonication.
26. The method of claim 19, further comprising adding one or more additional

immunomodulatory components to the vaccine.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the additional immunomodulatory component is an adjuvant.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the additional immunomodulatory component is a cytokine.

29. A method for protecting a mammal against neosporosis, comprising administering to the mammal a vaccine comprising an immunologically effective amount of an homogenate prepared from cells of Neospora, which homogenate is capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal, and a veterinarily acceptable acceptable carrier.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate is prepared is N. caninum.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein the vaccine is capable of inducing the production of antibodies that recognize one or more antigenic components present in an homogenate of cells of N. caninum strain NC-1.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is N. caninum.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the strain of N. caninum from which the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared is NC-1.

34. The method of claim 29, wherein the homogenate of the vaccine is prepared from tachyzoites.

35. The method of claim 29, wherein the vaccine further comprises one or more additional immunomodulatory components

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the additional immunomodulatory component is an adjuvant.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the additional immunomodulatory component is a cytokine.

38. The method of claim 29, wherein the vaccine is administered to a mammal of a species selected from the group consisting of dogs, cows, goats, sheep and horses.

39. A combination vaccine for protecting a mammal against neosporosis and, optionally, one or more other diseases or pathological conditions that can afflict the mammal, which combination vaccine comprises an immunologically effective amount of a first composition comprising an homogenate prepared from cells of Neospora, which homogenate is capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal; an immunologically effective amount of a second composition capable of inducing a protective response against a disease or pathological condition that can afflict the mammal; and a veterinarily acceptable carrier.

40. The combination vaccine of claim 39, wherein the species of Neospora from which the homogenate of the first composition is prepared is N. caninum.

41. The combination vaccine of claim 39, which is capable of inducing the production of antibodies that recognize one or more antigenic components present in

- an homogenate of cells of *N. caninum* strain NC-1.
42. The combination vaccine of claim 41, wherein the species of *Neospora* from which the homogenate of the first composition is prepared is *N. caninum*.
43. The combination vaccine of claim 42, wherein the strain of *N. caninum* from which which the homogenate of the first composition is prepared is NC-1.
44. The combination vaccine of claim 39, wherein the homogenate of the first composition is prepared from tachyzoites.
45. The combination vaccine of claim 39, wherein the second composition is capable of inducing in the mammal a protective response against a pathogen selected from the the group consisting of bovine herpes virus, bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine viral diarrhea virus, parainfluenza virus types I, II, or III, *Leptospira* spp., *Campylobacter* spp., *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Mycoplasma* spp., *Klebsiella* spp., *Salmonella* spp., rotavirus, coronavirus, rabies, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurelia multocida*, *Clostridia* spp., Tetanus toxoid, *E. coli*, *Cryptosporidium* spp., *Eimeria* spp. and *Neospora* spp.
46. A kit for vaccinating a mammal against neosporosis, comprising a first container container having an immunologically effective amount of an homogenate prepared from cells of *Neospora*, which homogenate is capable of inducing a protective response against neosporosis in a mammal, and a second container having a veterinarily acceptable carrier or diluent.
47. An antibody specific to an antigenic component present in an homogenate of *Neospora* cells.
48. The antibody of claim 47, which is specific to an antigenic component present in in an homogenate prepared from *N. caninum* cells.
49. The antibody of claim 48, which is specific to an antigenic component present in in an homogenate prepared from cells of *N. caninum* strain NC-1.
50. The antibody of claim 49, wherein the antigenic component has a molecular weight weight selected from the group consisting of 17-19, 28-30, 33, 37, 46, 48, and 56 kD.
51. The antibody of claim 47, further comprising a detectable label.

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TITLE: Attenuated live neospora vaccine

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0021] High serial passage may be carried out by repeated in vitro passaging of cells of a pathogenic strain of Neospora in susceptible host cells until sufficient attenuation occurs. Passaging may be conducted under specific environmental conditions to select for attenuated cells. For example, passaging may be conducted at a temperature below that of the body temperature of the intended mammalian vaccinate to select for temperature-sensitive strains of Neospora that will not grow, or that will only grow at a reduced rate, when administered in a vaccine to the mammal.

Detail Description Paragraph:

[0052] The objective of this study was to establish temperature-sensitive strains of N. caninum (NCTS), and to test the pathogenicity of these strains by analyzing serum antibody response, tissue cyst and brain lesion production, and the development of clinical symptoms in BALB/c mice, which are known to be highly susceptible to neosporosis.

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TITLE: Recombinant neospora antigens and their uses

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## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for obtaining a normal calf from a bovine animal, comprising the steps of: (i) administering to the bovine animal a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunogenically effective amount of a bovine Neospora tachyzoite; (ii) breeding the bovine animal; and (iii) obtaining a normal calf from the bovine animal.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the bovine animal is a cow or heifer.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered parenterally.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite is attenuated.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the bovine Neospora tachyzoite is selected from the group consisting of ATCC Accession No. 75710 (BPA1) and ATCC Accession No. 75711 (BPA6).
6. A method for protecting a bovine animal from Neospora abortion, the method comprising the administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunogenically effective amount of a bovine Neospora antigen, whereby the bovine animal is protected from abortion induced by Neospora infection, wherein the bovine Neospora antigen is an isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite of ATCC Accession No. 75710 (BPA1) or ATCC Accession No. 75711 (BPA6).
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the bovine animal is a cow or heifer.



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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A live culture of cells of an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.
2. A vaccine for protecting a mammal against neosporosis, comprising an immunologically effective amount of live cells of an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora and a veterinarily acceptable carrier, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.
3. The vaccine of claim 2, further comprising an adjuvant.
4. The vaccine of claim 3, wherein the adjuvant is an oil-in-water emulsion.
5. A combination vaccine, comprising an immunologically effective amount of live cells of a an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora and a veterinarily acceptable carrier, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.
6. A composition comprising a veterinarily acceptable carrier and an immunologically effective amount of live cells of an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.
7. The composition of claim 6, further comprising an adjuvant.
8. The composition of claim 7, wherein the adjuvant is an oil-in-water emulsion.

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## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A biologically pure culture of equine Neospora having all the characteristics of ATCC Acession No. 209622 (NE1).
2. The culture of claim 1, which is of ATCC Accession No. 209622.

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## ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a live vaccine for neosporosis prepared from arm attenuated strain of a pathogenic protozoan of *Neospora* sp. and an attenuated strain useful for preventing clinical diseases and abortion in mammals.

SOLUTION: This live vaccine for neosporosis is a cultured product of a temperature-sensitive cell of a strain, derived from a pathogenic parent strain of *Neospora* sp. capable of manifesting the attenuated pathogenicity as compared with that of a parent strain of *Neospora* caninum, etc., and triggering an immuneological reaction for protecting mammals against neosporosis when administered as the live vaccine.

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## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for obtaining a normal calf from a bovine animal, comprising the steps of: (i) administering to the bovine animal a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunogenically effective amount of a bovine Neospora tachyzoite; (ii) breeding the bovine animal; and (iii) obtaining a normal calf from the bovine animal.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the bovine animal is a cow or heifer.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered parenterally.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite is attenuated.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the bovine Neospora tachyzoite is selected from the group consisting of ATCC Accession No. 75710 (BPA1) and ATCC Accession No. 75711 (BPA6).
6. A method for protecting a bovine animal from Neospora abortion, the method comprising the administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunogenically effective amount of a bovine Neospora antigen, whereby the bovine animal is protected from abortion induced by Neospora infection, wherein the bovine Neospora antigen is an isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite of ATCC Accession No. 75710 (BPA1) or ATCC Accession No. 75711 (BPA6).

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the bovine animal is a cow or heifer.
8. The method of claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered to the bovine animal prior to breeding.
9. The method of claim 6, wherein the isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite is attenuated.
10. The method of claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered parenterally.
11. A method for protecting a bovine animal from Neospora abortion, the method comprising the administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunogenically effective amount of an isolated bovine Neospora tachyzoite that is attenuated, whereby the bovine animal is protected from abortion induced by Neospora infection.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the bovine animal is a cow or heifer.
13. The method of claim 11, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered to the bovine animal prior to breeding.
14. The method of claim 11, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered parenterally.
15. The method of claim 11, wherein the bovine Neospora tachyzoite is selected from the group consisting of ATCC Accession No. 75710 (BPA1) and ATCC Accession No. 75711 (BPA6).

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CLAIMS :

1. A live culture of cells of an attenuated strain of a species of Neosyora, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.

2. A vaccine for protecting a mammal against neosporosis, comprising an immunologically effective amount of live cells of an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora and a veterinarily acceptable carrier, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.

3. The vaccine of claim 2, further comprising an adjuvant.

4. The vaccine of claim 3, wherein the adjuvant is an oil-in-water emulsion.

5. A combination vaccine, comprising an immunologically effective amount of live cells of a an attenuated strain of a species of Neospora and a veterinarily acceptable carrier, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.

6. A composition comprising a veterinarily acceptable carrier and an immunologically effective amount of live cells of an attenuated strain of a species of *Neosyora*, wherein the strain is NCTS-8 which is present in MARC145 monkey kidney cells having ATCC accession No. CRL12230.

7. The composition of claim 6, further comprising an adjuvant.

8. The composition of claim 7, wherein the adjuvant is an oil-in-water emulsion.

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What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

2. An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 205 to nt 777, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 605 to nt 1304, and the nucleotide sequence of the GRA1-encoding ORF of plasmid pRC77 (ATCC209685).

3. An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 1mM EDTA at 65° C., and washing in 0.2 xSSC/0.1% SDS at 42° C., to the complement of a polynucleotide molecule having a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the isolated polynucleotide molecule can detect the presence of a Neospora-specific polynucleotide in a fluid or tissue sample from a Neospora-infected animal; provided that the isolated polynucleotide molecule does not encode a polypeptide having more than 90% amino acid sequence identity to a native GRA polypeptide from *Toxoplasma gondii*.

4. The polynucleotide molecule of claim 3, comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% SDS, 1 mM EDTA at 65° C., and washing in 0.1xSSC/0.1% SDS at 68° C., to the complement of a polynucleotide molecule having a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

5. The polynucleotide molecule of claim 3, comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% SDS, 1 mM EDTA at 65° C., and washing in 0.1xSSC/0.1% SDS at 68° C. to the complement of a polynucleotide molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 205 to nt 777, and the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 605 to nt 1304.

6. The isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 3, which does not encode a polypeptide having more 80% amino acid sequence identity to a native GRA polypeptide from *Toxoplasma gondii*.

7. An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 1 to nt 204; SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 778 to nt 1265; SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 1 to nt 604; SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 605 to nt 855; SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 856 to nt 982; SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 983 to nt 1304; and SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 1305 to nt 1774.

8. A recombinant vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

9. The recombinant vector of claim 8, wherein the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotide molecule is selected

from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 205 to nt 777, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 605 to nt 1304, and the nucleotide sequence of the GRA1-encoding ORF of plasmid pRC77 (ATCC 209685).

10. The recombinant vector of claim 9 which is plasmid pRC77 (ATCC 209685).

11. A recombinant vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 1mM EBTa at 65° C., and washing in 0.2 xSSC/0.1% SDS at 42° C., to the complement of a polynucleotide molecule having a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polynucleotide molecule can detect the presence of a Neospora-specific polynucleotide in a fluid or tissue sample from a Neospora-infected animal; provided that the polynucleotide molecule does not encode a polypeptide having more than 90% amino acid sequence identity to a native GRA polypeptide from *Toxoplasma gondii*.

12. A host cell into which a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or a recombinant vector comprising said polynucleotide molecule, has been introduced.

13. A host cell into which a polynucleotide molecule, or a recombinant vector comprising said polynucleotide molecule, has been introduced, said polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% SDS, 1 mM EDTA at 65° C., and washing in 0.1 xSSC/0.1 % SDS at 68° C. to the complement of a polynucleotide molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nt 205 to nt 777, and the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nt 605 to nt 1304, wherein the isolated polynucleotide molecule can detect the presence of a Neospora-specific polynucleotide in a fluid or tissue sample from a Neospora-infected animal, provided that the polynucleotide molecule does not encode a polypeptide having more than 90% amino acid sequence identity to a native GRA polypeptide from *Toxoplasma gondii*.

14. A method of preparing a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, comprising culturing a host cell into which a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or a recombinant vector comprising said polynucleotide molecule, has been introduced, which polynucleotide molecule is in operative association with one or more regulatory elements, under conditions conducive to the expression of the polypeptide, and recovering the expressed polypeptide from the cell culture.

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(54) **POLYNUCLEOTIDE MOLECULES  
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides isolated polynucleotide molecules comprising nucleotide sequences encoding GRA1, GRA2, SAG1, MIC1 and MAG1 proteins from Neospora caninum, as well as recombinant vectors, transformed host cells, and recombinantly-expressed proteins. The present invention further provides a polynucleotide molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of the bidirectional GRA1MAG1 promoter of N. caninum. The present invention further provides genetic constructs based on the polynucleotide molecules of the present invention that are useful in preparing modified strains of Neospora cells for use in vaccines against neosporosis.

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TITLE: Parasitic protozoan isolate

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0012] The literature on live vaccines against *N. caninum* is limited. Atkinson et al. (1999) showed that infection of naive mice by the Nc-SweB1 isolate of *N. caninum* partially protected them against a severe infection by Nc-Liverpool. Lindsay et al. (1999) generated temperature sensitive mutants of *N. caninum* and demonstrated that they could prevent clinical signs associated with neosporosis in mice.

Detail Description Paragraph:

[0119] Lindsay D S, Lenz S D, Blagburn B L & Brake D A (1999) Characterization of temperature-sensitive strains of Neospora caninum in mice Journal of Parasitology 85, 64-67.

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**Phenotypic characterisation of a *Neospora caninum* temperature - sensitive strain in normal and immunodeficient mice.**

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The in vivo persistence, immunogenicity and pathogenicity of a recently described **temperature - sensitive** (ts) strain from ***Neospora caninum***, NCTs-8, was investigated in normal and immunodeficient mice. Groups of BALB/c and SCID/Bg mice were infected s.c. with  $5 \times 10^6$  wild-type NC-1, control NCTs-8 (pass 0) or NCTs-8 tachyzoites prepared at four in vitro passage levels (pass 7, 13, 21 and 28). For persistence and immunogenicity studies, BALB/c mice were bled and sacrificed at 4, 6 or 8 weeks p.i. Sera were analysed by IFAT and brain tissues examined for lesions by histology and tested for parasite presence by PCR. For pathogenicity studies, SCID/Bg mice were monitored by clinical signs and survival time. Results from parasite persistence experiments demonstrated microscopic lesions and PCR positive brain tissues in NC-1 infected mice. In contrast, brain tissues from NCTs8-infected groups were consistently negative by histology and PCR. Based on IFAT titres, all parasite strains were immunogenic, although parasite-specific IgG levels were lower in the NCTs-8 infected groups. Results from pathogenicity studies in SCID/Bg mice demonstrated a significantly ( $P < 0.0001$ ) longer mean survival time in NCTs-8 vs NC-1 infected groups. In addition, there was no significant difference in mean survival time between control NCTs-8 and experimental passage NCTs-8 infected mice. Collectively, these studies demonstrate that the NCTs-8 strain maintains a stable phenotype following multiple passages in vitro, and possesses an attenuated, shorter persistence phenotype in vivo compared with the parental wild-type NC-1.

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**Demonstration of synergistic effects of sulfonamides and dihydrofolate reductase/thymidylate synthase inhibitors against *Neospora caninum* tachyzoites in cultured cells, and characterization of mutants resistant to pyrimethamine.**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To examine the efficacies of combinations of 7 sulfonamides and 5 dihydrofolate reductase/thymidylate synthase (DHFR/TS) inhibitors against tachyzoites of *Neospora caninum* in cultured cells. Mutant tachyzoites that were resistant to pyrimethamine were produced and examined for resistance to other DHFR/TS inhibitors. **DESIGN AND PROCEDURES:** After 5 days of treatment, a cell culture flask lesion-based assay was used to determine efficacies of combinations of sulfonamides and DHFR/TS inhibitors against *N. caninum* tachyzoites and to evaluate the sensitivity of pyrimethamine-resistant mutants of *N. caninum* to test agents. Cultured cells that were infected with the appropriate strains of *N. caninum* and treated or not treated (controls) with test agents were examined. Mutations were induced by chemical mutagenesis with N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine or by selection for growth in permissive concentration of pyrimethamine. **RESULTS:** Synergism was detected for combinations of pyrimethamine, ormetoprim, trimethoprim, or diaveridine with the sulfonamides. Methotrexate did not have improved efficacy when combined with sulfonamides. Two mutants were produced that were resistant to pyrimethamine. Both mutants were resistant to other DHFR/TS inhibitors. Both mutants remained resistant to pyrimethamine in the absence of continuous exposure to the agent, indicating that the induced resistance was stable. Synergism was detected for combinations of DHFR/TS inhibitors and sulfonamides against these pyrimethamine-resistant mutants. **CONCLUSIONS:** Combinations of suboptimal concentrations of sulfonamides with suboptimal concentrations of DHFR/TS inhibitors results in improved efficacy of the agents in a cell culture assay. Stable resistance to pyrimethamine can be induced in *N. caninum* tachyzoites by use of chemical mutagenesis or by selection. **CLINICAL RELEVANCE:** In vitro evidence indicated that combination treatment, using sulfonamides and DHFR/TS inhibitors, may be effective in treating **neosporosis**.